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Dear Examiner,

Please find attached the Applicants' Preliminary Amendment that was discussed during the interview of September 3, 2004. Again, thank you for your continued time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Aventis Pasteur, Inc.

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**Preliminary Amendment Following Applicants' Request for Continued
Examination (RCE) and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
Filed in Response to the Final Office Action Mailed January 7, 2004**

Dear Examiner Devi:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks and amendments made herein before resuming examination of the above-mentioned application. The Applicants appreciate the recent telephonic interview with the Examiner conducted on September 3, 2004.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this communication.